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Title: METHOD FOR SUPPORTING A STENT AND A METHOD OF  
USING THE MADREL TO COAT A STENT

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**STATEMENT OF THE SUBSTANCE OF  
TELEPHONIC INTERVIEW ON DECEMBER 6, 2004**

Dear Examiner Edwards:

This is a Statement of the Substance of the telephonic interview which occurred on December 6, 2004 regarding the Office Action mailed on September 7, 2004.

Claims discussed

All claims were discussed, in general. Claims 46 and 50 were discussed specifically.

Prior art discussed

Moein (US 6,572,644), Edwin et al. (US 6,245,099), Taylor et al. (US 6,214,115), and Shannon et al. (US, 5,928,279)

Summary of Discussion

The Examiner indicated the claims, in general, were anticipated by the prior art because they were given the most reasonably broad interpretation. In particular, the feature "gear" recited in all of the claims was given a broad interpretation.

With respect to claim 46, attorney for the applicant argued that, even with the broad interpretation of the claim, the feature of claim 46 "positioned on the mandrel to support the stent on an inner surface of the stent and to provide sufficient torque to the stent for rotating the stent during a coating process" was not taught by the cited prior art references. The Examiner indicated the feature could not be given patentable weight since there was no structure in the claim to support the feature. She suggested that the above-mentioned feature might be given patentable weight if the claim was amended to include such a structural limitation. The amendment to claim 46 includes such a structural limitation.

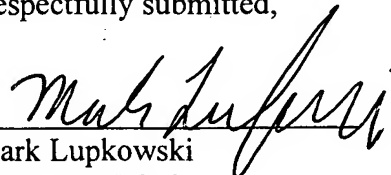
With respect to claim 50, attorney for the applicant argued that, even with the broad interpretation, the prior art cited does not teach the underlined portion of the feature "a gear supported by the mandrel having a diameter greater than a diameter of the mandrel and a diameter smaller than an inner diameter of the stent, the gear configured to provide support to the inner surface of the stent during a coating process". Attorney for the applicant indicated that the claim 50 was intended to cover at least the embodiment pictured in FIG. 4 of the application. Examiner suggested that an amendment that included a limitation describing spacing between an outer periphery of the gear and an inner surface of the stent may make the claim patentable. The amendment to claim 50 includes such a limitation.

If the Examiner has any questions or concerns, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned attorney at (415) 954-0297.

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